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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicant amends Claim 12. Applicant cancels Claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

The Specification

The Examiner suggests that the Abstract be amended so that it does not exceed 150 words. Applicant amends the Abstract as suggested by the Examiner.

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Section 112 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant amends Claim 12 to address the Examiner's concern. Claim 13 has been cancelled.

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Double-Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 10-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,108,312, issued to Moshe Voloshin on August 22, 2000. Applicant files with this Response an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate the Examiner's Double Patenting Rejection. Favorable action is requested.

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Conclusions

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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